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Dear Sir:

We, Gerard Vahee, David M. Harris, and Jan Heisterberg-Andersen declare that we are joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed in our U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/660,852, which was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 13, 2000.

We further declare that the inventions disclosed and claimed in said application 09/660,852 were conceived by us in WTO countries France, Great Britain, and Denmark, and were reduced to practice in said WTO countries by us and/or under our direction and/or supervision prior to January 21, 2000, the filing date of U.S. Patent 6,611,840 to Baer et al.

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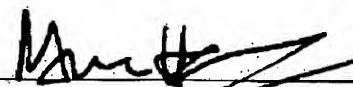
1. Exhibit A - IBM invention disclosure SMS819990016, which formed the basis for the present Application Serial No. 09/660,852. This disclosure describes the worldwide project management method of the present invention, and was prepared and submitted by the joint inventors of Serial No. 09/660,852 prior to the above effective date (January 21, 2000) for the cited patent.

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